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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of November 7, 2003.

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that all the claims in the application should be examined together, since a search directed to the method of coating a substrate or the coated article will involve a search of the same extent and breath. Withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested.

However, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute at this time claims 14-17 drawn to a film coating for a lithium battery, classified in class 429, subclass 209, and designated Group II in the Official Action.

The Examiner's reminder regarding amendment of inventorship upon cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention is gratefully acknowledged. However, such amendment is

not anticipated at this time.

Reconsideration of this application and allowance of all the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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